is also emphasised at the time of discussions of the Chairman of banks the top management of RBI on inspection findings.

Normally, banks, after exhausting all aveunes of recovery, file suits for recovery. Government have set up the Debt Recovery Tribuna's for expeditious adjudir cation and recovery of debts due to banks and financial institutions.

Welfare Scheme of Peerles General Finance and Investment Company Limited

7817. SHRIMATI MALT: SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that social welfare schemes of Peerless General Finance and Investment Company Limited under Table 23 and 24 have since been abolished abruptly; if so, the details thereof and under whose directions such decision has been taken;

(b) the extent of Government control on insurance schemes of the company and the fixation of commission paid to field staff of the company; and

(c) whether Government have directed the company to diversify its policies with the tune of changing times; if so, the details thereof?

THE MNISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FNANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that the Social Welfare Schemes of Peerless General Finance & Investment Co. Ltd. (Peerless) under Tables 23 and 24 which had a duration of 10 years, had been discontinued by the company effective from May 4. 1995 in the context of Calcutta High Court judgement uphoiding the validity of an amendment to the Residuary Non-Bank, ing Companies (Reserve Bank) Directions, 1987 which brought down the maximum period of deposits a RNBC can accept *from* 120 months to 84 months.

(b) and (c) RBI has reported that the Comoany is not running any insurance schemes. However, it extends accidental death insurance benefit to the subscribers of its deposit schemes under an arrangement with the New India Assurnace Co. Ltd.

RBI has reported that it has taken a consistent stand that Peerless could not take any portion of the deposits received from depositors/subscribers for meeting its revenue expenses. Peerless was also advised that it should alter its existing investment pattern so as to bring the investments strictly in conformity with the provisions of Residuary Non-Bank-ing Companies (Reserve Bank) Direction, 1987.

Non-Official Directors on Nationalised Banks

7818. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since nominated non-official Directors on the Board of all the Nationalised Banks;

(b) if so, the names with address, and various interest they represent, Bank-wise;

(c) what are the terms of their appointments; and

(d) which are the Banks for which the non-official Directors are yet to be appoinied and the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) to (d) Government have nominated new non-official directors on the boards of 16 out *or* the 19 nationalised banks. Such directos are still to be nominated on the boards of Canara Bank, Punjab & Sind Bank and United Bank of India as some formalities are still to be comoleted in these cases.

The new non offcial directors have been nominated for a period of three years from the date of notification. Non-Official directort have been nominated in terms of the provisions of clauses (g) and (h) of sub-section (3) of Sect'on *(9)* of the Banking Comoanies (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings) Act, 1970|1980. Relevant extracts from the Act are given in the enclosed Statement.